

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

If you took them off too soon, put them back.

Mt. Lassen, Cal., had its 82nd out-break Saturday, that exceeded all its previous eruptions.

Billy Sunday's meeting of eleven weeks in Philadelphia netted 50,000 converts, the greatest revival on record.

Thieves blew the safe in the Union Station at Frankfort, within a few hundred yards of the penitentiary, and got \$200.

The British steamer Cairnorr was torpedoed in the English channel Sunday night. She was loaded with coal and the crew escaped.

According to reliable reports, Emperor William is again troubled with this throat ailment in a severe form and it is said that an operation is necessary.

Dan M. Bowmar, the Versailles newspaper man, is arranging to take a personally conducted excursion party to the Panama Exposition at San Francisco.

According to the Weather Bureau spring officially began at 11.51 o'clock Sunday morning, in spite of the fact that a Kentucky snowstorm was raging at that time.

Carranza is said to be nearing the end of his rope, with the bandits, Villa and Zapata, preparing to close in on him at Vera Cruz, where his last stand will be made.

Werner Horn, the German dynamiter, who blew up a bridge between Maine and Canada, has been ordered to Boston to stand trial for the illegal transportation of explosives.

An English woman, the mother of five soldiers and sailors, volunteered to take "a man's place" in driving a delivery wagon, under the call for women to replace men sent to the front.

An exchange says that William A. Sunday, even when he played baseball, was in the right field. When Philadelphia gives up \$100,000, he seems to be doing equally well behind the plate.

The international congress of women has issued a call for women of the entire world to attend an international peace congress at The Hague next month. Mrs. W. I. Thomas, of Chicago, is an officer of the organization.

The government has agreed to furnish four field men to supervise road construction under the state-aid plan and all bridges costing more than \$500 will be built under plans furnished by the Commissioner of Roads at Washington.

After giving Drummond Jones five years to learn the brewery business from the ground up and demonstrate his capacity as a working man, August Busch, of St. Louis, has consented for Jones to marry his daughter Marie, aged 22 years.

Mat S. Cohen, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, is one of the minor candidates who has come out for a platform convention. He prefers to risk his election on a platform made by all the Democrats, regardless of the personal views of the candidates for governor.

R. W. Marcelle, a Louisville detective working on night rider cases in Hopkins county, gave himself up at Madisonville when he learned that C. E. Mayes had sworn out a warrant charging him with breach of the peace. Mayes claims that Marcelle tried to get him to admit being a night rider and implicate others.

Riney T. Wells, of Murray, says that in his opinion the only hope the Democratic party has for November is to put an end to factional fights over questions not in the party platform, by making a party declaration of principles before the primary election, no matter who may be helped or hurt.

VENERABLE VETERAN

Of The Lost Cause Will Be Buried at Riverside Cemetery To-day.

MR. ARMISTEAD DIED SUNDAY

Distinguished as Soldier, Lawyer and Worker For Prohibition and Education.

Mr. Geo. W. Armistead died at his home at 1015 E. Ninth Street, at 7:25 o'clock Sunday evening, of an attack of heart failure, to which he had been subject for the last six years.

Mr. Armistead was born at Hampton, Va., Oct. 4, 1835, and was in the 80th year of his age.

His literary education was acquired at Randolph-Macon College, from which he graduated with the degree of A. B. Subsequently he graduated from the Richmond Law College and entered upon the practice of law in Richmond.

At the beginning of the war he entered the Confederate army and was attached to an artillery battery in the Virginia campaign. Later he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to duty on the training ship Patrick Henry, of the Confederate Naval School. Upon the evacuation of Richmond by the Confederate government, he was one of the personal escort of President Jefferson Davis and was with him thereafter practically all the time until his capture.

In 1876 Mr. Armistead moved from Virginia to West Tennessee and in 1883 moved to Nashville, where he became actively identified with the prohibition cause not only in the state but in the nation. He was a close friend of Mr. Woolley, the prohibition candidate for president in one campaign. He was a leader in the prohibition movement for 35 years and at one time conducted a prohibition paper for a period of ten years.

He was for 15 years chairman of the Prohibition Executive committee of Tennessee.

Mr. Armistead possessed a broad intellect and solid literary attainments. He was a man of much culture and a wide range of information on almost every subject.

He came to Hopkinsville in 1906 and had since made his home here. He was a member of the Ned Meriwether Bivouac, U. C. V., of this city, and took a deep interest in the meetings. He was a life long member of the Methodist church and held many positions in church work, such as steward, Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, etc.

He is survived by his wife and five children. W. H. S. Armistead, Wirt M. Armistead and Robt. A. Armistead, are Nashville business men; Geo. H. Armistead is a journalist of Franklin, Tenn., and the only daughter is the wife of Mr. J. H. Cate, of this city. His funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock this morning, conducted by Rev. Lewis Powell.

The honorary pallbearers will be: Dr. Manning Brown, L. L. Elgin, Low Johnson, Ira L. Smith, F. K. Yost, L. Haydon, S. T. Harned and S. L. Cowherd.

The active pall bearers will be six grandsons of the deceased. The interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

Hartfield-Mayer.

David Hartfield and Miss Barbara Mayer, at Henderson, were married March 14, by Rabbi Theodore Levy, of Owensboro. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Henry Frankel, Mr. Sam Frankel, Mr. Charles Slaughter and Mr. Joseph C. Slaughter, of this city. The groom is a son of the late Manuel Hartfield, formerly of this city.

In the large cigar factories of Tampico and Key West, Fla., readers are employed to read aloud to the employees at their work.

METCALFE BUILDING

On The Corner of Ninth and Virginia Streets Is Being Remodeled.

NEW FRONT TO BE PUT IN.

Repairs Will Take 60 Days and Occupants Will Not Be Disturbed.

The two-story brick building on the corner of Ninth and Virginia streets, built more than 30 years ago and known as the Hord block, is undergoing a thorough remodeling. It is now owned by J. J. Metcalfe and Mr. Metcalfe has let the contract to the Forbes Mfg. Co., and work was begun last week.

There are three store-rooms with a frontage of about 70 ft., occupied by Keach & Fears, Blades-Cary Co. and L. R. Kenner below and W. R. Bowles' photograph gallery above. All of the wooden fronts and old-style windows have been taken out, even the rough brick walls having been taken down. Temporary wooden walls have been put in and the entire front will be new. The three stores will have iron fronts, plate glass windows and marble bases. Prism glass will be used over the front doors. New mullion and triple windows will be put in above and the front will be raised several feet higher. The brick will be red pressed brick laid in white mortar. Mr. Metcalfe is on the lookout for a suitable name for the building, which will contain a large stone tablet in the front.

The work is under contract to be completed in 60 days, without disturbing the occupants of the building.

Mr. Metcalfe purposes to make the block one of the handsomest little buildings in the city.

EMBARRASSMENT OF K. I. T. RICHES

Many Cities Are Seeking To Enter The League This Year.

Paducah, Ky., March 22.—Because there were so many cities seeking admission to the Kentucky Illinois Tennessee baseball league the directors, at a meeting held in Cairo, Ill., yesterday, employed M. J. Farnbaker, a prominent baseball fan and newspaper man of Cairo, to visit the cities that desire membership and recommend four to make an eight-club league with Owensboro, Henderson and Paducah, Ky., and Cairo, Ill.

The cities that have requested franchises were: Centralia, Marion, Murphysboro, Herrin, and Harrisburg, Ill., Vincennes and Princeton, Ind., Cape Girardeau and Sikeston, Mo. Another meeting will be held as soon as Farnbaker is ready to report.

Greatest On Record.

The greatest cotton crop ever produced in the United States was grown in 1914. Census bureau statistics issued giving final ginning figures, officially place the 1914 crop as a record with 16,102,143 bales of 500 pounds each. That is 409,442 more than produced in the great crop of 1911.

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If Judge C. H. Bush, of Hopkinsville, were to become a candidate for railroad commissioner, he would get a wonderful vote in the big democratic county of Graves, for he is already very popular among our people.—Mayfield Messenger.

Mr. Harris Better.

Mr. John M. Harris, of Pembroke, was operated upon Thursday and a clot of blood removed from his lung. He has pneumonia, but was somewhat better yesterday.

ARGUMENT IN PROGRESS

In The Renshaw Case Which Will Go To Jury To-day.

CROWDS ATTEND EVERY DAY.

Commonwealth Closed With Several Witnesses To Destroy The Alibi of Defense.

The testimony for the prosecution, in the Wilson-Chafin murder trial, was concluded Friday afternoon and Saturday.

Doc Beaumont, col., stated that he heard the defendants conversing in Wilson's cell in the latter part of January or early in February. Chafin said to Wilson, "You'd better get a lawyer." Wilson replied, "I don't need a lawyer, you're the one that fired the shot." On cross examination, he admitted he didn't know that Mr. Southall had been engaged by Wilson since November. He denied that the prosecution had offered him a light sentence for his offense if he would testify. Upon being asked if Chafin was not in the Henderson jail at the time he is alleged to have heard the conversation, he said that this was before Chafin was taken away.

Geo. Rives, a Nortonville negro, was introduced and testified that Chafin had talked with him in Nortonville in November. Said that Chafin said he was en route to St. Louis, that he had just killed a white man in Hopkinsville, and was escaping to St. Louis.

Ophelia Golden, a negro woman, stated that she was walking along on Durrett's avenue, and Chafin approached her and wanted to walk with her. She told him she wouldn't walk with him, to which he replied, "If you don't walk with me, you won't do anybody else any good. I've shot one man. I killed Mr. Renshaw." This was about the time of the fair, a few days after the murder.

Eugene Harrison, deputy jailer, introduced a letter written by Chafin to his mother. He wanted his folks to see Blind Mary and get her to help him. Complained of his treatment and of injustice, and stated rather than be convicted, he would commit suicide or kill the jailer. Reiterated his innocence.

Lizzie Hart, col., did not know of any connection existing between Tip Leavell and Chafin.

At this juncture, the commonwealth announced the sickness of Stephen Haynes, their last witness, and the court adjourned till Saturday morning. He testified that he heard Chafin threaten to kill somebody to get some money. At 10:30 the commonwealth closed and Bubber Chafin was the first defense witness. He told the same story he has stuck to all along; said he worked the entire day in his father's tobacco field on Durrett avenue and did not hear of the shooting until he came down town after supper. Said he was not on the Clarksville pike at all that day, did not see Mr. Renshaw that day and only knew him by sight and had nothing at all against him. Denied that he had stated to Rives or the Gholsen woman that he had shot Mr. Renshaw or anybody else or that he had threatened to kill some one in talking to Haynes, and denied every incriminating bit of evidence which the prosecution had brought out against him. Said he was not with Ernest Wilson at all that day and had not seen him since the previous Sunday.

A great many defense witnesses were introduced Saturday in support of the alibi and general denial of the defendants. The case was resumed yesterday morning.

The prosecution introduced several witnesses in rebuttal yesterday and the case was ready for argument in the afternoon. There may be several speeches and the jury will take the case some time to-day. Interest has been great throughout the trial, the court room at times being packed with people, many standing up.

BOTTLING INDUSTRY

New Plant To Be Started Soon By T. E. Overshiner and Associates.

CLARKSVILLE IS INTERESTED.

Works Will Be Located in Cooper-Davis Building on Twelfth Street.

Thos. E. Overshiner has resigned his position as refrigerating engineer for the Ellis Ice Co., which he has held for 10 years, and will start a bottling plant. Some Clarksville parties will be associated with him and the business will be opened in the Cooper-Davis building on Twelfth street, heretofore used for a garage. The plant will represent an outlay of \$10,000.

While the plant will bottle all kinds of soft drinks, its leaders will be Gay-Oola and Bludwine, claimed to be drinks of exceptional merit. They will do a general wholesale business, dealing direct with retailers as well as through the wholesale houses.

Mrs. Latham And Tom.

Mrs. Elsie G. Latham was given judgment for \$9,000 against her brother, Thos. G. Gaylord, in Louisville. She sued to recover on a note she had paid for him. His claim was that the money she let him have was for his services in connection with the estate of her late husband, Jno. C. Latham.

Harry Bryan Ill.

Information was received Sunday that Harry M. Bryan, of Dallas, Texas, formerly a young business man of this city, was critically ill. He is engaged in the insurance business there.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Baseball Team Is Training For A Lively Spring Season.

Baseball practice began in earnest last week and a large number of candidates were out every afternoon in the week working out. Every man but one from last year's nine is back and the prospects point to the best team in the history of the school. A splendid schedule has been made out, including three games with Clarksville, two with Princeton, two with Bethel College, Russellville, and one with V. T. S. of Elkton.

Arrangements are under way for another High School play, to be given at the close of school. The play last year, "A Rival by Request," was a great success and the students are putting forth every effort to make this year's production the best dramatic presentation ever offered to the public by the high school. Miss Virginia Williamson is coaching the play.

Friday Prof. Moore called for a fire drill and the building was emptied in an orderly manner and in a very few minutes after the warning bell was sounded. Certain ones of the boys have been selected as men and take their places at the extinguishers when the fire alarm is given.

The work on the annual is well under way this year and the first bunch of copy is almost ready to be handed in. Manager Weaks has gotten the largest subscription list that has ever been signed up and there is much interest in the "Orange and Black."

The Ciceronian and Delphic Literary Societies are making plans for an open session to be held in a few weeks. This will be the first debate between the societies during the year.

ITALY AND GREECE TO ENTER WAR

Recent Developments Strongly Tend To Confirm This Belief.

GUARANTEES ARE GIVEN.

Austria Is Strengthening Her Frontier And Italy Is Making Preparations.

London, March 22.—The relations between Italy and Austria are believed to have reached an acute stage. A Rome dispatch says Austrian and German subjects have been advised by their consuls to leave Italy in the shortest possible time. Austria has commenced strengthening her southern frontier, and according to a dispatch Italian officers of all arms belonging to the first line, who have been on half pay, have been called to the colors. In military circles this order is considered significant. No Austrian news on the subject is available in London, the censor of that country having, it is said, prohibited comments.

There also are reports that Greece is preparing to adopt a more active attitude. Following a series of prolonged cabinet meetings at Athens, the Greek minister of marine is quoted as having said that the Greek government had received all guarantees, and to have indicated that the country was about to engage in some enterprise.

The allied fleet is preparing for a renewal of the attack on the Dardanelles, delayed by unfavorable weather. At a council of the admirals aboard the French battleship Suffren, it is reported that a decision was reached to make a new general attack in which all the warships will take part.

Reverting to their policy of last fall, the Germans early Sunday attacked Paris with aircraft. Four Zeppelins started for the city, but only two reached it. These dropped bombs injuring a number of persons and setting fire to buildings. The French airmen whose duty it is to guard the city, pursued the Germans, but, owing to the mist, they were unable to overtake the airships.

As far as the land operations are concerned, the eastern front holds the most interest. The Russians, according to Petrograd, are pressing the Germans back to the East Prussian frontier, their latest achievement being to defeat three German columns on the road from Ostrolenka to Myszyniec. From the same source comes a statement that Prezemysl is at its last gasp and that the garrison is getting rid of its ammunition preparatory to surrender.

In the west the only news comes from the German official report, which claims minor successes in Campagne, north of Beausejour and in the Vosges, where they took French prisoners.

General Botha, at the head of the Union of South Africa forces, is reported to have gained an important success over the Germans in German Southwest Africa, capturing an entrenched position and taking 200 prisoners and two guns near Swakopmund.

EQUINOCTIAL SNOWFALL

Snow began to fall in the early hours of Sunday morning and continued to fall most of the day Sunday in flakes that melted as they fell. During Sunday night it continued to fall at intervals until an inch or more remained on the ground yesterday morning. This was the first snowfall during the present month and will probably be the last of the season, as spring is now well advanced. The sun shone brightly yesterday and the snow soon disappeared.

France has ordered 500,000,000 ft. of British Columbia lumber.